

# Project Learning Tree (PLT)



DCR is the state sponsor of Project Learning Tree® (PLT) in Massachusetts. It is an award-winning, nationally-recognized program of the American Forest Foundation. PLT focuses on trees, forests, forest ecology and their place in human culture and enterprise.

PLT includes curriculum for early childhood (PreK –K), a PreK-8 activity guide, and themed modules for secondary educators. The interdisciplinary curriculum is designed for diverse teaching and learning styles. It develops awareness, engages critical thinking skills and promotes constructive action.

These materials are available by attending an educator workshop. Information and supplementary resources are posted on the PLT website, [www.plt.org](http://www.plt.org).

DCR supports PLT in Massachusetts through workshops for classroom teachers, home school parents, youth group leaders, nature center staff and those who work with young people. Massachusetts PLT is additionally supported by the Massachusetts Forest Alliance.

## PROJECT LEARNING TREE® CURRICULUM

The ***Early Childhood Experiences Module***, written for PreK-K educators, emphasizes developing awareness of and connections with the natural world by building on what's familiar to our young learners. Its format is a variety of self-guided and teacher-led activities that follow a typical pre-school day.

The ***PreK-8*** Curriculum includes nearly 100 hands-on; minds-on activities that connect with topics in Science, English Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies.

The ***Secondary Modules***, ideal for middle and high school educators, provide in-depth investigations and activities that build critical thinking and responsible decision-making skills.

## PROJECT LEARNING TREE® 2016 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

**Saturday, February 27** (vacation week), **Combination Workshop, perfect for PreK-5 O.S.T. Educators, *Early Childhood Experiences Module* and *K-8 Curriculum***, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Regatta Point Conference Room at Quinsigamond State Park, 10 North Lake Avenue, Worcester, MA. \$35. Please pre-register by February 20, [Gini.Traub@state.ma.us](mailto:Gini.Traub@state.ma.us), 413/584-6788.

**Saturday, March 12, *Early Childhood Experiences Module*** (PreK-K), 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Great Falls Discovery Center's Great Hall, 4 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA. \$15. Please pre-register by March 5, [Gini.Traub@state.ma.us](mailto:Gini.Traub@state.ma.us), 413/584-6788.

**Saturday, March 26, *Early Childhood Experiences Module*** (PreK-K), 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Mass Audubon Trillside Museum at Blue Hills State Reservation, 1904 Canton Road, Milton, MA. \$20 includes museum admission. Please pre-register by March 19, [Gini.Traub@state.ma.us](mailto:Gini.Traub@state.ma.us), 413/584-6788. Co-sponsored by Massachusetts Audubon Trillside Museum.

**Saturday, April 30, *Early Childhood Experiences Module*** (PreK-K), 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Borderland State Park Visitor Center, 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton, MA. \$15 Please pre-register by April 23, [Gini.Traub@state.ma.us](mailto:Gini.Traub@state.ma.us), 413/584-6788.

**Saturday, June 4, *Early Childhood Experiences Module*** (PreK-K), 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Riverbend Farm Conference Room, Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak Street, Uxbridge, MA. \$20. Please pre-register by May 29, [Gini.Traub@state.ma.us](mailto:Gini.Traub@state.ma.us), 413/584-6788.

**Thursday, June 9, *K-8 Curriculum*, forest ecology focus for upper elementary and middle school educators**, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Borderland State Park Visitor Center, 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton, MA. \$20. Please pre-register by June 2, [Gini.Traub@state.ma.us](mailto:Gini.Traub@state.ma.us), 413/584-6788.

**Friday, July 15, *K-8 Curriculum***, 9:00 a.m., - 1:00 p.m., Notch Visitor Center at Mt. Holyoke Range State Park, 1500 West Street (Route 116), Amherst, MA. \$20. Please pre-register by July 8, [Gini.Traub@state.ma.us](mailto:Gini.Traub@state.ma.us), 413/584-6788.

**Friday, July 22, *Secondary Modules Workshop - Forests of the World and Focus on Forests***, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Brookwood Community Farm Conference Room, 11 Blue Hill River Road, Canton, MA. \$23. Please pre-register by July 15, [Gini.Traub@state.ma.us](mailto:Gini.Traub@state.ma.us), 413/584-6788.

**Saturday, August 20, *Early Childhood Experiences Module***, (PreK-K), 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Brookwood Community Farm Conference Room, 11 Blue Hill River Road, Canton, MA. \$15. Please pre-register by August 13, [Gini.Traub@state.ma.us](mailto:Gini.Traub@state.ma.us), 413/584-6788.

**Thursday, September 15, *K-8 Curriculum - forest ecology focus for upper elementary and middle school educators***, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Brookwood Community Farm Conference Room, 11 Blue Hill River Road, Canton, MA. \$20 Please pre-register by September 8, [Gini.Traub@state.ma.us](mailto:Gini.Traub@state.ma.us), 413/584-6788.

**Saturday, September 17, *Early Childhood Experiences Module*** (PreK-K), 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Purgatory Chasm State Reservation Visitor Center, 198 Purgatory Road, Sutton, MA. \$15. Please pre-register by September 10, [Gini.Traub@state.ma.us](mailto:Gini.Traub@state.ma.us), 413/584-6788.

**Saturday, October 22, *Early Childhood Experiences Module*** (PreK-K), 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Borderland State Park Visitor Center, 259 Massapoag Avenue, North Easton, MA. \$15. Please pre-register by October 15, [Gini.Traub@state.ma.us](mailto:Gini.Traub@state.ma.us), 413/584-6788.

**Sunday, November 20, Combination Workshop - *Early Childhood Experiences Module* and *K-8 Curriculum***, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Lawrence Heritage State Park, One Jackson Street, Lawrence, MA. \$35. Please pre-register by November 10, [Nancy.Riley-Whitehill@state.ma.us](mailto:Nancy.Riley-Whitehill@state.ma.us), 617/626-1494.

## **ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS**

We are happy to schedule additional workshops by request for interested groups of ten or more educators. Contact DCR Regional Educator [Gini.Traub@state.ma.us](mailto:Gini.Traub@state.ma.us), 413/584-6788